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## WEATHER

Temperatures were above normal the first and last part of the period and below normal during the mid-portion. Showers and thunderstorms occurred mostly during the mid-part of the period with the greatest rainfall over the central portion of the State.

## CROPS

Thunder showers, high wind, and hail activity occurred statewide during the week with several counties receiving damage. County agents reported rainfall amounts ranging mostly from .25 inches to 2.0 inches. With the recent rains, farmers are now concerning themselves with the preparation of seedbeds for sowing wheat.

Damaging high winds and hail fell in several Panhandle, Central, East and South-east counties damaging crops severely in some cases.

Almost six days were suitable for fieldwork during the survey week (August 17-23). Topsoil moisture supplies continued to improve with only 55% of the counties reporting short supplies. Subsoil moisture supplies have not yet been replenished with 87% of the counties short.

Irrigated corn remains in fair to good condition throughout the State. Local rains throughout the State this past week have been sufficient for some irrigators to shut down their pumps again.

Dryland corn condition remains poor to fair as rains from the last two weeks were not in time to help the grain crop. Farmers continue to cut corn for silage but some farmers are waiting for further growth from the recent rains before cutting.

In general, about 75% of both irrigated and non-irrigated corn acreages are in the dough stage. Normal percentage is 80% at this time. About 40% of the crop has denting, 46% is normal.

Sorghum conditions continued to improve over the previous week with 19% of the counties reported as poor, 68% fair, and 13% good. About 85% of the crop is headed over the State, compared to normal of 100%. Over 15% has turned now with 22% being normal. Greenbugs are still causing problems in some areas.

Soybean condition improved with the recent rains and is reported as mostly fair to good. Only 15% of the counties are still reporting the condition as poor. About 85% of the soybeans have podded, compared to normal of 100%. Podding and bean development are progressing with the recent rains.

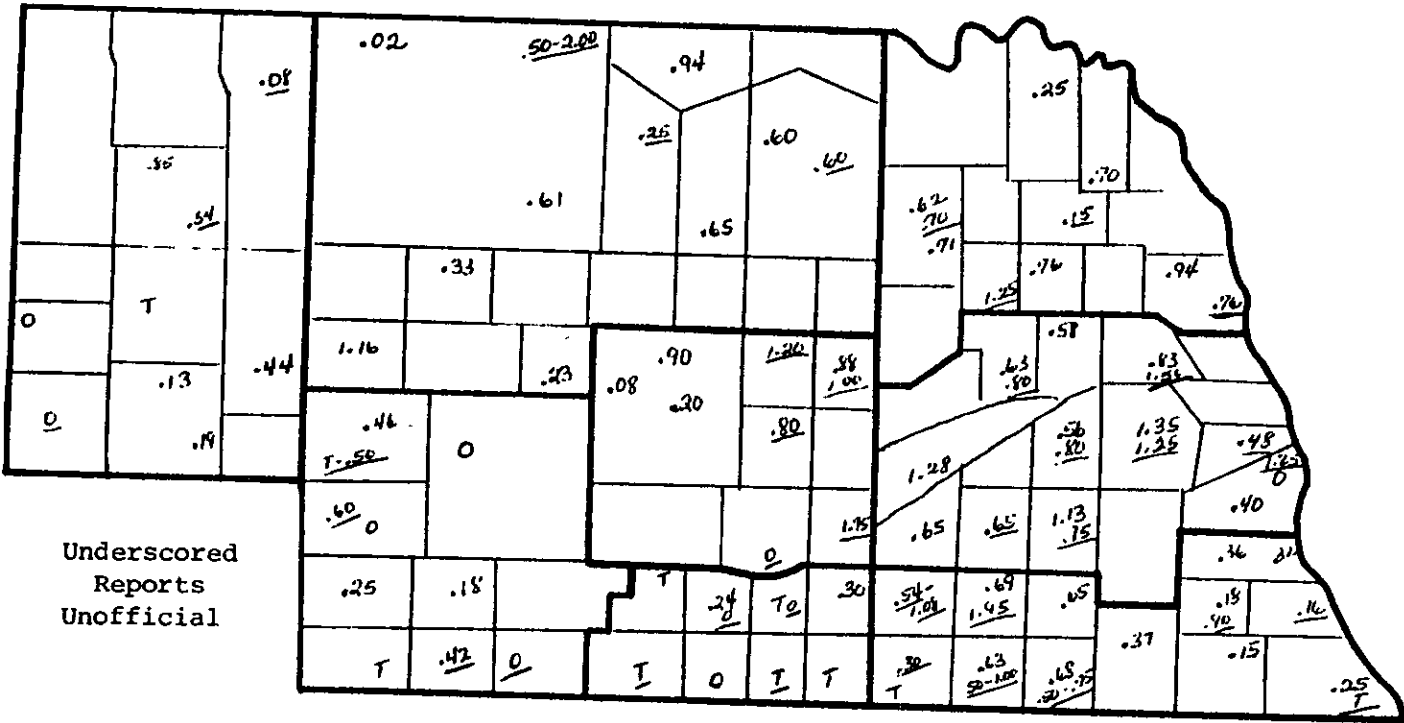
Alfalfa condition continued to improve during the week with 59% of counties reporting fair, 11% good, and 30% poor. About 60% of the third crop has been harvested.

Sugar beets and dry edible beans conditions are reported as mostly good to excellent.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies improved some, but 87% of the counties report short supplies. Recent rains have caused native grasses to green up, but some areas are again experiencing a lack of moisture for the pastures. Ranchers in the western area of the State are moving cattle to winter pastures. Supplemental feeding is continuing. Livestock remain in mostly good to fair condition. Cattlemen continue to cull herds closely.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, August 25, 1974

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	99	45	75	--	0
	Scottsbluff	93	45	70	-1	T
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Burwell	90	52	74	--	0
	Valentine	97	50	74	+2	.16
NE	Norfolk	94	53	74	+1	.04
	Sioux City	94	58	74	+1	.35
CEN	Grand Island	95	51	73	-1	T
EC	Lincoln	94	54	74	-1	.05
	Omaha	94	55	74	-1	.05
SW	Imperial	100	56	73	--	.01
	North Platte	94	47	72	0	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

Precipitation, April 1 - August 23, 1974

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.20	.50	.50	.40	.60	.10	.10	.40
Total since April 1.....	7.30	10.10	14.50	12.30	13.40	11.00	11.20	12.40
Normal since April 1.....	10.93	13.16	15.31	14.27	16.44	12.41	14.29	17.50

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